Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.? ☐	Hit? ☑
02/20/16	Operation Safe Streets Bureau		

Incident Information

URN: 016-03979-1366-053	Date: 02-20-16	Time: 2135 Hours
City or Station: Lakewood Station	Nature of Incident: During a traffic stop, Suspect Butler reversed his vehicle striking Detective [redacted]. Passenger Suspect Dillard pointed a firearm at Detectives [redacted] and Brown.	
Location: [redacted] Gundry Avenue, Paramount, CA. 90723		

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☑ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☐ Street
- Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
- ☑ Darkness
- ☐ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance:

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☐ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☑ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☐ Call
- ☑ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- ☑ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 28

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	☑ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.			
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]			
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	
Last Name	**First Name**	**M.I.**			
[redacted]	[redacted]				
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	
Last Name	**First Name**	**M.I.**			
[redacted]	[redacted]				
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)
[redacted]	Moore	Jeffery	L.	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
				☐ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Guerrero	Gerardo	

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

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SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]		[redacted]	

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: Brown | First Name: Curtis | M.I.:

Sex: M | Race: W | Rank: Detective | Unit Assignment: OSS-LKD | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 130G7

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case #: | Interviewed? ☑

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8 | Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]

Age: 32 | Height: 5'10" | Weight: 190

Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest

Other Factors:

Range Qualification Date: [redacted] | PPC Qualification Date: [redacted] | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted] | Patrol Certification? [redacted] | Certification Unit: [redacted] | Prior Shootings? [redacted] | Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] | Directed Force: [redacted]

Weapons Fired Brand: SW M&P | Caliber: 9 | # Shots: 16 | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots:

Field Training Officer Emp #: [redacted] | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | M.I.: [redacted]

Field Training Officer Emp #: [redacted] | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | M.I.: [redacted]

E

Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | M.I.: [redacted]

Sex: M | Race: W | Rank: Detective | Unit Assignment: OSS-LKD | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM [redacted] PM ☐ Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): [redacted] Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case #: | Interviewed? [redacted]

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: [redacted] | Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]

Age: 39 | Height: 6'00" | Weight: 240

Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest

Other Factors:

Range Qualification Date: [redacted] | PPC Qualification Date: [redacted] | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted] | Patrol Certification? [redacted] | Certification Unit: [redacted] | Prior Shootings? [redacted] | Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] | Directed Force: [redacted]

Weapons Fired Brand: [redacted] | Caliber: [redacted] | # Shots: [redacted] | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots:

Field Training Officer Emp #: [redacted] | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | M.I.: [redacted]

Field Training Officer Emp #: [redacted] | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | M.I.: [redacted]

E

Employee #: | Last Name: | First Name: | M.I.:

Sex: | Race: | Rank: | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case #: | Interviewed? ☐

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: | Duty Time (hrs):

Age: | Height: | Weight:

Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest

Other Factors:

Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? ☐ | Patrol Certification? ☐ | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? ☐ | Number of Prior Shootings: | Directed Force: ☐

Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots: | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots:

Field Training Officer Emp #: | Last Name: | First Name: | M.I.:

Field Training Officer Emp #: | Last Name: | First Name: | M.I.:

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Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

URN: 016-03979-1366-053

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Butler	First Name: Deon	M.I. A.
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.

Sex: M Race: Black	Street Address: [redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work [redacted]	Home Phone:	Social Secur[redacted]	Driver's Licens[redacted]
Age: 30 D.O.B. 12/30/81	Height: 6'01" Weight: 195	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking # 4589761	Primary Charge: 245(c) PC	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: Ford	Model: Taurus	Year: 2000	

S

Last Name: Dillard	First Name: Reginald	M.I. D.
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.

Sex: M Race: Black	Street Addr[redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work [redacted]	Ho[redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's Licens[redacted]
Age: 34 D.O.B. 01/30/82	Height: 6'00" Weight: 200	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking # 4585892	Primary Charge: 245(c) PC	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:	

S

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:	

S

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:	

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Officer Involved Shooting

RN: 016-03979-1366-053

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
02/21/16	0100	08/08/18	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Maldonado	Albert	M.
[redacted]	Torres	Benjamin	
[redacted]	Peacock	Daniel	L.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	W1	OV					AB	LE
S2	E1	FH					NN	
E1	S1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	LE
E2	S1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	LE
E1	S2	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	NN	
E2	S2	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	NN	

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspect In-custody**
IAB FILE #:	**SH 2396335**
URN #:	**016-03979-1366-053**
DAY/DATE/TIME:	**Saturday / February 20, 2016 / 2135 hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **Gundry Avenue, Paramount**

SUMMARY

On February 20, 2016, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Albert Maldonado #[redacted], Sergeants Benjamin Torres #[redacted], and Daniel Peacock #[redacted] responded to Lakewood Sheriff's Station regarding an on-duty deputy-involved hit shooting. The shooting resulted in the arrest of Suspect Deon Butler (hereafter referred to as Suspect Butler). On January 5, 2018, this case was reassigned to Sergeant Calvin Mah.

IAB Lieutenant Maldonado confirmed the Paramount Service Area Lieutenant, Lieutenant [redacted] #[redacted], took reasonable steps to ensure the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves, or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Maldonado confirmed the involved personnel gathered in the company of a supervisor until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

Detective Sergeant Michael Rodriguez #[redacted] and Detective Angus Ferguson #[redacted], from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau, arrived and assumed control of the investigation. For further information regarding the investigation conducted by Homicide Bureau refer to the Homicide case book, under URN #016-03979-1366-053 **[Exhibit A]**.

SYNOPSIS

On Saturday, February 20, 2016, at approximately 2135 hours, Operations Safe Streets Bureau (OSS) Unit 130G7, Detectives [redacted] (driver) #[redacted], [redacted] (passenger) #[redacted], Curtis Brown (seated behind [redacted]) #[redacted], and civilian ride-a-long, [redacted] (seated behind [redacted]) were patrolling near Alondra Boulevard and Orange Avenue, in the City of Paramount. They were patrolling the area in a non-marked dark grey Crown Victoria.

The non-marked patrol vehicle was equipped with emergency lights (no spotlights) and sirens. The detectives were wearing Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Class "A" uniforms. Civilian ride-a-long [redacted] was wearing professional business attire consisting of a white button up shirt, blue slacks, black shoes, and black tactical vest embroidered with "[redacted]," which stood for [redacted]. Due to recent robberies in the City of Paramount the detectives and [redacted] were conducting saturation patrol in the area.

While driving north on Orange Avenue approaching Alondra Boulevard, Detectives [redacted], [redacted], and Brown noticed a gold Ford Taurus stopped at a turn signal on Alondra Boulevard. The Taurus proceeded to turn north at a high rate of speed onto Orange Avenue from Alondra Boulevard. Detective [redacted] drove north on Orange Avenue in an attempt to contact the Taurus. Detectives [redacted] and Brown estimated the Taurus' speed to be approximately 45-55 miles per hour in a 35 miles per hour zone. The detectives also noticed the occupants of the Taurus weren't wearing their seatbelts. Although the windows of the Taurus were tinted, Detective [redacted] and [redacted] were able to see inside.

The occupants of the Taurus were later identified as Suspect Butler (driver), Suspect Reginald Dillard (front passenger), and Witness [redacted] (rear passenger). The intentions of the detectives were to contact Suspect Butler and the occupants for violation of 22350 of the California Vehicle Code, speeding and 27315(d)(1) of the California Vehicle Code, basic seatbelt law.

Suspect Butler proceeded to drive east on Myrrh Street and then north on Gundry Avenue. Once on Myrrh Street, Suspect Butler slowed the vehicle to approximately 5 miles per hour. Suspect Butler made several veering moves in the Taurus, as if he was attempting to stop the vehicle on the right side of the roadway, but would veer back into the middle of the roadway.

Detectives [redacted], [redacted], and Brown described Suspect Butler's driving pattern as odd and confusing. They were unsure if Suspect Butler was going to pull over and stop, or if the occupants were going to exit the vehicle or discard contraband. The detectives were all assigned to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Gang Unit and were aware Gundry Avenue is the territory of Gundry Block Crips. Detectives described the area as a high crime area. Due to the erratic driving pattern Detective [redacted] activated the forward facing emergency lights and sirens. Suspect Butler did not yield and Detective [redacted] followed Suspect Butler for another block and a half, simultaneously activating his air horn. While following the Taurus the detectives discussed their pull over and approach plan if the vehicle were to yield. Detective [redacted] would contact the driver, Detective [redacted] would contact the passenger, and Detective Brown would broadcast emergency radio transmission if needed. Witness [redacted] would stay in the vehicle.

Suspect Butler veered the Taurus on Myrrh Street and Gundry Avenue approximately four times and eventually pulled the Taurus (facing west) into the driveway of [redacted]

Gundry Avenue. Suspect Butler was unable to drive further west into the property due to a [redacted] which secured the property. The Taurus was parked partially on the sidewalk leading up the driveway and the rear of the vehicle was near the west curb line of Gundry Avenue. The driveway was illuminated with street lights, which were partially blocked by trees on the sidewalk.

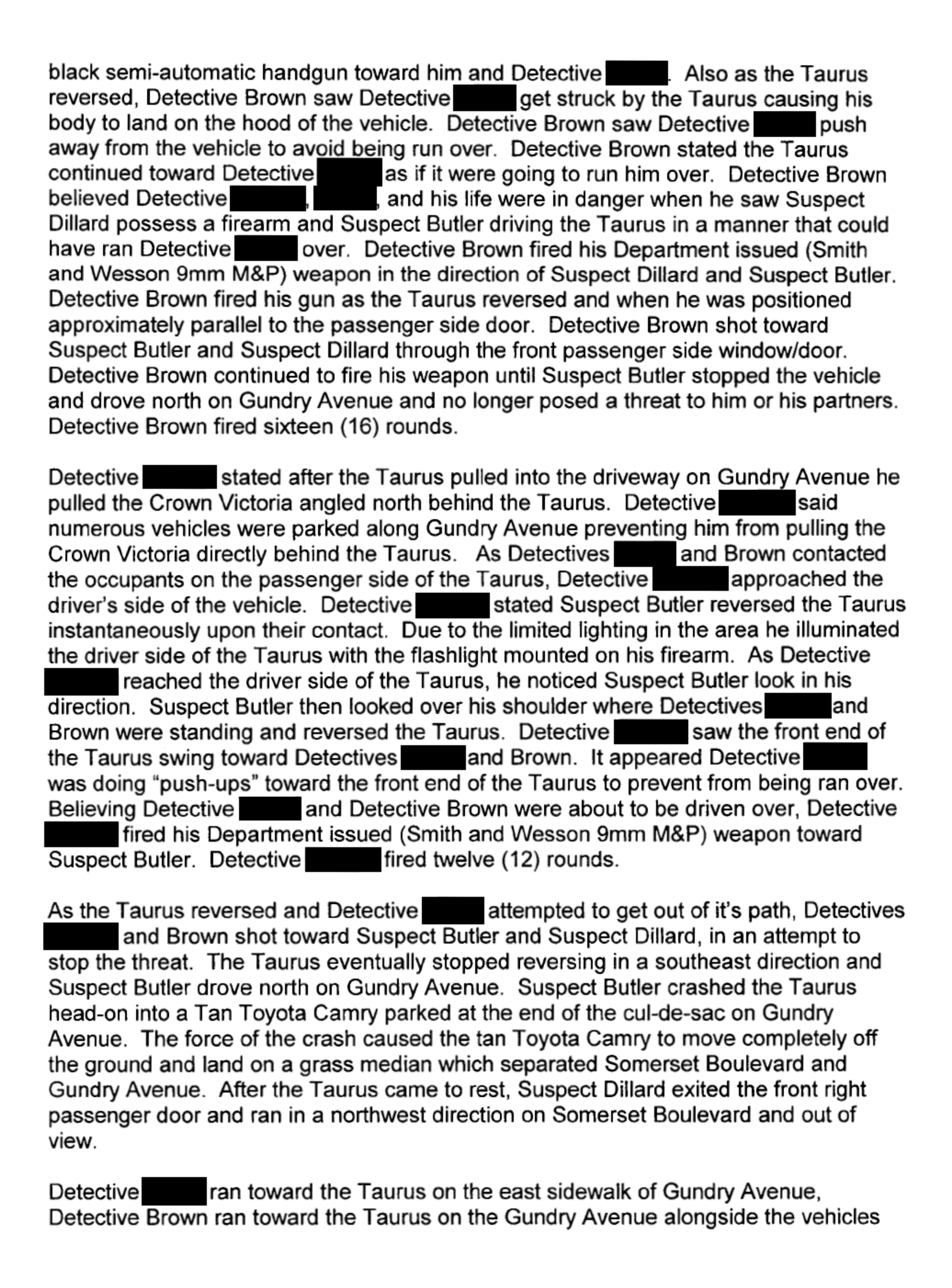
Detective [redacted] parked behind the Taurus in a northwest position with the front bumper of his Crown Victoria centered towards the corner of Taurus driver's side rear bumper. The positioning of the Crown Victoria allowed the Taurus to directly back up if needed. The Crown Victoria was parked approximately 20-25 feet behind the Taurus.

Detectives immediately exited their vehicle and contacted the occupants of the Taurus. Detective [redacted] went toward the passenger side. Because the Taurus' windows were tinted, Detective [redacted] positioned his body just past the passenger door. This allowed Detective [redacted] to look into the interior through the front windshield. Detective [redacted] immediately saw Suspect Dillard manipulating a black semi-automatic handgun with his hands. Suspect Dillard along with Suspect Butler, looked toward Detective [redacted]'s direction. Fearing for Detective [redacted]s life, Detective [redacted] immediately yelled "gun."

Simultaneously, Suspect Butler reversed the Taurus in a southeast direction. The Taurus pulled out of the driveway in a sweeping motion described as a backward "C" movement. To avoid being run over, Detective [redacted] backed away from the Taurus, using both of his hands to push off the hood passenger side fender area. Detective [redacted] was not able to get away from the path of the vehicle and was subsequently struck in his right shin by the Taurus' front bumper. When the Taurus struck Detective [redacted] it caused him to "almost trip," as he moved out of the way. Detective [redacted] was able to distance himself from the Taurus as it stopped reversing and proceeded to drive north on Gundry Avenue.

IAB Note: [redacted] **Block of Gundry Avenue, Paramount measured approximately 40 Feet from the west curb to east curb [Exhibit B-1] and 30 feet across when measured between vehicles parked on the curb [Exhibit B-2]. The distance traveled from the Detectives initial observation to end of the incident has been documented as 890 yards. [Exhibit B-3]**

Detective Brown exited the vehicle simultaneously with Detectives [redacted] and [redacted]. Due the angle in which the Taurus and Crown Victoria were parked, Detective Brown stated he had to walk wide in a northeast direction which placed him in the middle of Gundry Avenue. Detective Brown was able to observe Detective [redacted] make contact with the passengers and Detective [redacted] make contact with the driver's side of the Taurus. Detective Brown stated upon contact with the occupants, the Taurus immediately reversed out of the driveway in a southeast direction, even though nothing prevented the vehicle from backing out of the driveway straight west to east. When the Taurus reversed, he heard Detective [redacted] yell "gun," and saw Suspect Dillard raising a


black semi-automatic handgun toward him and Detective [redacted]. Also as the Taurus reversed, Detective Brown saw Detective [redacted] get struck by the Taurus causing his body to land on the hood of the vehicle. Detective Brown saw Detective [redacted] push away from the vehicle to avoid being run over. Detective Brown stated the Taurus continued toward Detective [redacted] as if it were going to run him over. Detective Brown believed Detective [redacted], [redacted], and his life were in danger when he saw Suspect Dillard possess a firearm and Suspect Butler driving the Taurus in a manner that could have ran Detective [redacted] over. Detective Brown fired his Department issued (Smith and Wesson 9mm M&P) weapon in the direction of Suspect Dillard and Suspect Butler. Detective Brown fired his gun as the Taurus reversed and when he was positioned approximately parallel to the passenger side door. Detective Brown shot toward Suspect Butler and Suspect Dillard through the front passenger side window/door. Detective Brown continued to fire his weapon until Suspect Butler stopped the vehicle and drove north on Gundry Avenue and no longer posed a threat to him or his partners. Detective Brown fired sixteen (16) rounds.

Detective [redacted] stated after the Taurus pulled into the driveway on Gundry Avenue he pulled the Crown Victoria angled north behind the Taurus. Detective [redacted] said numerous vehicles were parked along Gundry Avenue preventing him from pulling the Crown Victoria directly behind the Taurus. As Detectives [redacted] and Brown contacted the occupants on the passenger side of the Taurus, Detective [redacted] approached the driver's side of the vehicle. Detective [redacted] stated Suspect Butler reversed the Taurus instantaneously upon their contact. Due to the limited lighting in the area he illuminated the driver side of the Taurus with the flashlight mounted on his firearm. As Detective [redacted] reached the driver side of the Taurus, he noticed Suspect Butler look in his direction. Suspect Butler then looked over his shoulder where Detectives [redacted] and Brown were standing and reversed the Taurus. Detective [redacted] saw the front end of the Taurus swing toward Detectives [redacted] and Brown. It appeared Detective [redacted] was doing "push-ups" toward the front end of the Taurus to prevent from being ran over. Believing Detective [redacted] and Detective Brown were about to be driven over, Detective [redacted] fired his Department issued (Smith and Wesson 9mm M&P) weapon toward Suspect Butler. Detective [redacted] fired twelve (12) rounds.

As the Taurus reversed and Detective [redacted] attempted to get out of it's path, Detectives [redacted] and Brown shot toward Suspect Butler and Suspect Dillard, in an attempt to stop the threat. The Taurus eventually stopped reversing in a southeast direction and Suspect Butler drove north on Gundry Avenue. Suspect Butler crashed the Taurus head-on into a Tan Toyota Camry parked at the end of the cul-de-sac on Gundry Avenue. The force of the crash caused the tan Toyota Camry to move completely off the ground and land on a grass median which separated Somerset Boulevard and Gundry Avenue. After the Taurus came to rest, Suspect Dillard exited the front right passenger door and ran in a northwest direction on Somerset Boulevard and out of view.

Detective [redacted] ran toward the Taurus on the east sidewalk of Gundry Avenue, Detective Brown ran toward the Taurus on the Gundry Avenue alongside the vehicles

parked on the east curb line. Detective [redacted] returned to his vehicle and drove north on Gundry Avenue toward the Taurus. Crime Analyst [redacted] was seated in the Crown Victoria during the entire incident. Once Detective [redacted] and Brown arrived at the dead end of the cul-de-sac, they positioned themselves near Detective [redacted]s Crown Victoria. Detectives [redacted], [redacted], and Brown ordered the suspects to exit the vehicle with their hands visible.

Suspect Butler exited the driver's side of the vehicle and immediately fell on the ground. Suspect Butler told detectives he was injured by a gun shot. Detective Brown immediately requested medical rescue personnel to respond via his hand held radio. Suspect Butler was ordered to remain on the ground and he complied. Witness [redacted] exited the driver's side rear passenger door. Witness [redacted] began yelling profanities at the detectives. All of the above detectives ordered Witness [redacted] to lie on the ground with his hands visible. After verbally berating the detectives, Witness [redacted] complied. Simultaneously, deputy personnel from Lakewood Sheriff Station arrived at the location. Detectives [redacted], Brown, and Deputy Ay approached the Taurus. Detective [redacted] pointed his firearm toward the Taurus to ensure there were no further threats. Detective [redacted] and Detective Brown approached Suspect Butler and Witness [redacted] as they laid on the ground. After ensuring the vehicle was clear of additional threats, Detective [redacted] handcuffed Suspect Butler and Detective Brown handcuffed Witness [redacted] without further incident. After Witness [redacted] was handcuffed, Deputy Kevin Ay #[redacted] escorted Witness [redacted] to the backseat of his patrol vehicle.

Detective [redacted] stood with Suspect Butler pending the arrival of medical personnel. Los Angeles County Fire Engine 31, under the supervision of Captain Laylor, arrived on scene and treated Suspect Butler for a gunshot wound to his left leg. Suspect Butler was transported to Saint Francis Hospital by rescue personnel for his injury. Witness [redacted] was detained and transported to Lakewood Sheriff Station for an interview.

Suspect Dillard ultimately telephoned the Lakewood Sheriff's Station and surrendered to responding Lakewood Deputies. Suspect Dillard was detained in front of [redacted]. As Deputy Kelly Barnes #[redacted] was responding to a deputy involved shooting she noticed Suspect Dillard standing on the north sidewalk of Somerset Boulevard with his hands in the air. As Deputy Barnes approached Suspect Dillard, he told Deputy Barnes "I'm here" and advised her he was an occupant of the Taurus **[Exhibit A, page 14].** Suspect Dillard was detained. During a field show up, Suspect Dillard was identified by Detectives Brown and [redacted] as the front right passenger of the Taurus. Suspect Dillard was detained and booked at Lakewood Sheriff's Station for assault on a peace officer.

Homicide Investigators Rodriguez and Ferguson arrived on scene and assumed command of the investigation.

Homicide Detective Sergeants Domenick Recchia #[redacted] and John O'Brien #[redacted] also assisted in the investigation by recovering evidence and scene documentation, **[Exhibit A, pages 65-72]**. The above detectives also coordinated search teams and

conducted numerous searches of the area in an effort to locate any items discarded by Suspect Dillard. Among the searches, Detectives utilized canine Deputy Brad Feder's #[redacted], canine (gun dog) "Fury", to search the area. Detectives also directed Sheriff's Department's Aero Bureau to conduct two separate fly-overs to assist in locating evidence. At the conclusion of the searches, a firearm was not located or recovered.

On February 24, 2016, Homicide Investigators authored a search warrant to search the suspect's vehicle (2001 Ford Taurus, gold, four door, California license #[redacted]). The warrant was endorsed by the Honorable Judge Henry Barela of Los Angeles Superior Court East Los Angeles Court. On February 25, 2016, Homicide Detective's Recchia and O'Brien, along with Firearms Examiner Tracy Peck #[redacted] conducted a complete ballistics' examination of the Taurus. They were assisted by Forensic Identification Specialist Sue Baker #[redacted] who took photographs and printed the vehicle. Criminalists James Nieman #[redacted] and Celeste Trujillo #[redacted] conducted DNA examination of the vehicle. The above Forensic Identification Specialists documented their actions in their reports. See their reports, **[Exhibit C]**.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau and Scientific Services Bureau personnel. A description of the evidence collected and where it was collected from was documented in **[Exhibit A, pages 65-68]**. Included as a permanent record within the IAB Case Book are compact discs containing aerial photographs of the scene, photographs of involved deputy personnel, and scene investigation photos **[Exhibit A, CD]**.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the incident. In the letter of opinion dated November 1, 2017, JSID concluded Detective [redacted] and Detective Brown acted in lawful self-defense and defense of others when they used deadly force against Suspects Butler and Dillard **[Exhibit D]**.

CHARGES FILED AND DISPOSITIONS

Investigator Name: Homicide Bureau, Detective Michael Rodriguez #[redacted]

Court: Compton Court

Charges: The District Attorney filed two (2) felony counts of 245(c) PC, Assault on a Peace Officer against Suspect Butler. Charges were not filed against Suspect Dillard. **[Exhibit A, page 185]**

DA Case: TA139484 **[Exhibit A, page 180-184]**

January 12, 2017, Suspect Butler was sentenced to one (1) year in state prison. **[Exhibit E]**

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted], Deputy Sheriff (Detective), #[redacted]

Detective Division
Operation Safe Streets Bureau
Date of Employment as a Deputy: [redacted]
Date Assigned to Patrol/Compton Station:
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn On Person

On February 20, 2016, Detective [redacted] was wearing a Class "A" uniform, including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: Duty weapon/holster, magazine case, handcuff case, radio radio/holster, and baton ring.

Weapon used by Detective [redacted]

Detective [redacted] fired ten rounds of the Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P semi-automatic pistol. Homicide Investigators Rodriguez and Ferguson retained the firearm for processing. They later released custody of the firearm to Forensic Identification Specialist Ryan Parker #[redacted] who subsequently booked the firearm into evidence for examination. Detective [redacted]'s weapon was found to be functional. See Scientific Services Bureau's Test Fire and Function Check Report **[Exhibit C]**. A copy of the Detective [redacted]'s training records, including range qualification scores and dates, were included with this casebook **[Exhibit F]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date completed M&P Conversion

IAB Note: Deputy Personnel are required to qualify every trimester.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Curtis E. Brown, Deputy Sheriff (Detective), #[redacted]

Detective Division	
Operations Safe Streets Bureau	November 04, 2014
Date of Employment as a Deputy:	August 4, 2004
Date Assigned to Patrol/Compton	[redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:	
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):	

Equipment Worn On Person

On February 20, 2016, Detective Brown was wearing a Class "A" uniform, including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: duty weapon/holster, magazine case, handcuff case and radio/holder.

Weapon used by Detective Brown

Detective Brown fired sixteen rounds of the Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P semi-automatic pistol. Homicide Investigators Rodriguez and Ferguson retained the firearm for processing. They later released custody of the firearm to Forensic Identification Specialist Ryan Parker #[redacted] who subsequently booked the firearm into evidence for examination. Detective Brown's weapon was found to be functional. See Scientific Services Bureau's Test Fire and Function Check Report **[Exhibit C].** A copy of the Detective Brown's training records, including range qualification scores and dates, were included with this casebook, **[Exhibit G].**



Date last qualified:	[redacted]
Date completed M&P Conversion	

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

Detective [redacted] was transported to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center (9333 Imperial Highway, Downey) for medical treatment. Detective [redacted] was treated for a contusion to his left leg and released.

SUSPECT INFORMATION (IN-CUSTODY)

Deon Allen Butler - Male, black, DOB: December 30, 1981, 6'01"/ 195 lbs.
[redacted]
CII #[redacted], FBI #[redacted], CDL #[redacted]

A criminal history query of Suspect Butler [redacted] is included **[Exhibit A, pages 92-130]**.

Reginald Devarion Dillard - Male, black, DOB: January 30, 1982, 6'00" / 200 lbs.
[redacted]

A criminal history query of Suspect Dillard [redacted]. Suspect Dillard's Criminal History query is included **[Exhibit A, pages 131-160].**

WITNESS INFORMATION

[redacted] – Male, black, DOB: [redacted], 6'00" / 185 lbs.
[redacted]

A [redacted] query of Witness [redacted]. Using Department resources, Witness [redacted] was identified as a Neighborhood Piru and Bounty Hunter Gang associate. Witness [redacted] is included **[Exhibit A, pages 161-178]**.

SUSPECT INJURIES

Suspect Dillard was transported and treated at Lakewood Regional Hospital (3700 E. South Street, Lakewood, CA. 90712) for a facial abrasion. Suspect Dillard was released after medical treatment.

Suspect Butler was transported and treated at St. Francis Hospital (3630 E. Imperial Highway, Lynwood, CA. 90262) for a gunshot wound to his left leg. Suspect Butler was admitted to the hospital.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Twenty four (24) bullets stuck the gold 4 door Ford Taurus bearing CA license plate #[redacted], causing bullet holes, broken windows, and damaged tires.

One (1) bullet struck a silver 4 door Honda Accord bearing CA License plate #[redacted], causing a bullet hole in the trunk.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred in [redacted] Block of Gundry Street in the City of Paramount at approximately 2135 hours. The weather was clear and cool. The source of illumination at the location were street lights, vehicle headlights, and flashlights.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed SCC's certified copy of the radio traffic associated with the incident **[Exhibit A, CD]**. The following is a brief synopsis of those transmissions:

DISPATCH CHANNEL – FEBRUARY 20, 2016

2125 hours - Detective Brown advised SCC "10-33 Lakewood OSS 998" Gundry south of Somerset. Detective Brown requested 902R for suspect and advised one suspect ran north. No deputies were injured

2126 hours - Detective Brown broadcasted one suspect outstanding described as a male black, red shirt, blue jeans and ran northwest on Somerset and all deputies accounted for.

2126 hours - Unit 131S (supervisor) advised he is enroute.

2127 hours - Unit 133 initiated containment of area.

2128 hours - Detective Brown requested units to respond to Gundry Avenue to contain crime scene.

2129 hours - Unit 136L (Lt. [redacted]) arrived on scene.

2130 hours - Containment expanded.

2132 hours - Unit 136B (Deputy Barnes) detained outstanding suspect.

2133 hours - Unit 133 requested fire to stage at Orange Avenue/Somerset Boulevard.

2134 hours - Oss Detectives requested to identify detained suspect.

2135 hours - Unit 136L requested fire to roll in and deputies advised fire will enter east on Somerset Boulevard to Gundry Avenue.

2136 hours - Fire is 97 and suspect is positively identified by Detective Brown.

2137 hours - Lakewood Station personnel requested a tactical channel and the north containment was ended.

2138 hours - All units were requested to switch to A-Tac 4.

LAKEWOOD STATION L-TAC - February 20, 2016

2127 hours - Lakewood Station Desk Personnel advised all units outstanding suspect is on the phone with dispatch.

2128 hours - Lakewood Desk advised suspect is on Orange Avenue/Somerset Boulevard.

2129 hours - Lakewood Desk advised suspect is still on Orange Avenue/Somerset Boulevard wearing a blue shirt.

2131 hours - Lakewood Desk advised female deputy detaining suspect.

A-TAC 4

Frequency A-Tac 3 was used by Lakewood Station personnel at the command post to coordinate their resources.

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO

During a canvass of the scene, Homicide Bureau investigators discovered surveillance video from two different locations **[Exhibit A, pages 76-77]**.

One surveillance camera was located on the eaves of [redacted]. Detectives contacted Mr. [redacted] (MH/[redacted]). Mr. [redacted] stated that the video camera was fake and did not work.

The second surveillance camera was located at "[redacted]" auto repair, [redacted]. Detectives contacted owner [redacted], who told detectives that the video system was not functional.

HOMICIDE INTERVIEWS

On February 21, 2016, the following witnesses were interviewed by Homicide Investigators Cooper, Biddle, Recchia, O'Brien, Rodriguez, and Ferguson. Their interviews were summarized in the Homicide Case Book. **[Exhibit A]** Witnesses [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] interviews were transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file, as were Suspect Dillard and Butler. IAB investigators did not interview Witnesses [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], nor did they interview Suspects Dillard and Butler. IAB Investigators attempted to contact Suspects Butler and Dillard, and Witness [redacted]. All three declined to be interviewed by IAB investigators, however they were interviewed by Homicide Investigators.

The following narratives are intended only as a summation of the actual interview(s). Additional information and the precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and attached transcriptions.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Cooper and Biddle. Witness [redacted] told investigators she saw the gold Taurus followed by an unmarked police vehicle drive north on Gundry Avenue passing her residence. She heard several gun shots but did not witness any portion of the shooting. Refer to Homicide Book for further. **[Exhibit A, page 63]**

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Recchia and O'Brien. He told detectives he lived at [redacted]. He heard a loud siren and noticed flashing lights outside his apartment. He walked out the front door to see what was happening on the street. Witness [redacted] noticed the gold Taurus drive north on Gundry Avenue with the driver and front right passenger's hand extended out of the window. He observed the Taurus stop and deputies contact the occupants. After hearing several gun shots, Witness [redacted] laid on the ground. Refer to Homicide Book for further **[Exhibit A, pages 75-76]**

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detective Sergeants Howard Cooper #[redacted] and Richard Biddle #[redacted]. Witness [redacted] told investigators he was standing in a parking lot on Somerset Boulevard, next to Myhre Memorial Southern Baptist Church (7057 Somerset Boulevard, Paramount). After hearing a commotion coming from Gundry Avenue/Somerset Boulevard, he saw a male black run north across Somerset Boulevard. Witness [redacted] saw the male carrying a black handgun and subsequently threw the handgun inside a fenced portion of the church. Refer to Homicide Book for further. **[Exhibit A, page 54-55]** A copy of Witness [redacted] transcribed interview is submitted with this investigation.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detective Sergeants Cooper and Biddle. Witness [redacted] told investigators he observed the detectives following the gold Taurus. Witness [redacted] followed the unmarked police vehicle at a safe distance until

the conclusion of the traffic stop. Witness [redacted] witnessed the deputy involved shooting. Refer to Homicide Book for further. **[Exhibit A, page 61-63]**

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detective Sergeants Cooper and Biddle. After waiving his Miranda Rights, he agreed to speak to investigators. Witness [redacted] told investigators he was in the Taurus with Suspect Butler and his brother Suspect Dillard. Witness [redacted] said detectives activated their sirens and lights on Myrrh Avenue. However, Suspect Butler refused to pull over. He along with Suspect Dillard urged Suspect Butler to stop, but Suspect Butler refused to listen. Suspect Dillard pulled in the driveway, but reversed because he realized he was not able to drive onto the driveway because of the fence. When this occurred, Witness [redacted] immediately heard gun shots. Suspect Butler than drove north on Gundry Avenue and collided with a car. Witness [redacted] was not sure why Suspect Dillard ran, and claimed no one in the car had any firearms. Refer to Homicide Book for further. **[Exhibit A, pages 55-58]** A copy of Witness [redacted]'s transcribed interview is submitted with this investigation.

Suspect Dillard was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Rodriguez and Ferguson. After being advised of his Miranda Rights, Suspect Dillard agreed to speak to the investigators. Suspect Dillard realized detectives were attempting to pull them over while they were travelling east on Myrrh Street, because detectives had activated their police lights and sirens. Suspect Dillard told Suspect Butler to pull over several times, but Suspect Butler ignored him and his response was mumbled and inaudible. Because he was worried about Suspect Butler's behavior, he raised his hands outside of the passenger window demonstrating a surrender position to detectives. Suspect Butler abruptly turned into a driveway, on the west side of Gundry Avenue. Suspect Butler put the vehicle in reverse and backed up in a rapid manner, causing Suspect Dillard's body to move in a jerking motion. Suspect Dillard said he had his left hand on his cell phone and his right hand near the passenger side window. Suspect Butler drove north on Gundry and crashed into a parked car at the end of the cul-de-sac. After the collision Suspect Dillard ran across Somerset Boulevard, in a northwest direction for approximately 30 yards. Suspect Dillard stated he feared for his life, therefore he ran from the vehicle. He called 911 and surrendered to a deputy driving a marked patrol vehicle. Suspect Dillard denied possessing a firearm. Refer to Homicide Book for further. **[Exhibit A, pages 49-50].** A copy of Suspect Dillard's transcribed interview is submitted with this investigation.

Suspect Butler was interviewed by Homicide Detective Rodriguez. Suspect Butler agreed to participate in an interview with Detective Rodriguez. Suspect Butler met Suspect Dillard and his brother, Witness [redacted], at their house in the city of Paramount. They left the location and purchased alcohol and food at "Jack-in-the-Box." He drove back towards Suspect Dillard's residence on Gundry Avenue and immediately recognized detectives were attempting to pull him over on Mryhh Street and Gundry Avenue. Suspect Butler stated there was no place to pull over because the streets were lined with parked cars. Once he pulled the vehicle over he put it in park. He became nervous and backed out of the driveway at an idling speed. He began to back out faster once he heard gunfire directed in his direction.

He noticed detectives in uniform with their guns drawn but could not describe their actions. Once the vehicle was facing north, he drove toward the end of the cul-de-sac and collided into a park vehicle. He is unsure why Suspect Dillard exited the vehicle and ran away. Suspect Butler collapsed on the ground and was subsequently detained. Suspect Dillard denied, neither he nor did anyone else in the vehicle, possessed a firearm. Refer to Homicide Book for further. **[Exhibit A, pages 13-15]** A copy of Suspect Butler's transcribed interview is submitted with this investigation.

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

WITNESS [redacted]

IAB INTERVIEW

On June 13, 2018, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] told IAB Investigators he is employed as a [redacted]. Part of his duties include acting as an investigative resource for deputy and detective personnel conducting investigations in the [redacted]. Witness [redacted] said he has been employed in the [redacted] since 2006 and has participated in over two hundred (200) ride a longs. On the night of the incident he participated in a ride along with Detectives [redacted] (driver), [redacted] (front passenger), Brown (rear passenger) and he was seated in the rear behind Detective [redacted]. They were conducting saturation patrol and robbery investigation follow up in the City of Paramount.

Witness [redacted] was wearing a dress shirt with tie, dress pants, and a tactical vest with a "[redacted]" embroidered patch. The patch stood for [redacted]. While the Crown Victoria was behind the gold Taurus, Witness [redacted] remembered thinking the driving pattern of the Taurus was abnormal. The slow speed made Witness [redacted] believe the occupants were potentially going to run from the vehicle, or exit with a firearm. Then the Taurus violently stopped. Witness [redacted] stated the vehicle hit the curb and he heard screeching sounds which indicated the driver stepped on the brake hard. He said within seconds Detective [redacted], Brown, and [redacted] exited their vehicle and approached the Taurus. Witness [redacted] was not able to see inside the Taurus due to the tinted windows and his positioning. Witness [redacted] made his observations while seated behind the driver's seat of the Crown Victoria, parked approximately twenty to twenty five (20-25) feet away from the Taurus. Witness [redacted] never exited the vehicle during the incident.

Within seconds of the detectives approaching the vehicle he observed the Taurus reverse in a "whipping out" fashion toward Detectives [redacted] and Brown. Witness [redacted] heard the vehicle reverse violently with the tires screeching and the engine

revving. To prevent being ran over, Detective [redacted] pushed off the Taurus with his two arms extended. Almost simultaneously, Detectives [redacted] and Brown started firing their duty weapons. Witness [redacted] heard between ten to twenty (10-20) gunshots in rapid session.

The Taurus stopped reversing and began to drive north. Detective [redacted] reentered the Crown Victoria and asked Witness [redacted] if he was "OK." Afterwards they proceed to drive toward the end of the cul-de-sac where the Taurus collided into a parked vehicle. Witness [redacted] stated it took them less than fifteen seconds to arrive at the end of the cul-de-sac. Witness [redacted] did not know where Detectives Ibarra and Brown were at when they drove north on Gundry Avenue.

Once they arrived at the cul-de-sac, he observed the passenger of the gold Taurus exit the vehicle and run onto Somerset Boulevard toward Orange Avenue. The driver of the Taurus exited the vehicle and fell to the ground. The rear passenger exited and yelled profanities at the detectives. Both occupants were ordered to lie on the ground and were subsequently handcuffed without incident.

WITNESS EMPLOYEE [redacted]

HOMICIDE INTERVIEW

On February 21, 2016, Detective [redacted], was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Rodriguez and Ferguson. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[Exhibit A, pages 40-42].** The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

IAB INTERVIEW

On June 25, 2018, Detective [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

Detective [redacted] told IAB investigators he has been assigned to the gang unit since 2009. He told investigators he has worked with Detectives [redacted] and Brown for many years at the gang unit and in patrol in the City of Compton. Crime Analyst [redacted] has worked with him for several years providing him, Detective [redacted], and Detective Brown with intelligence regarding gang members in Lakewood Sheriff's Station patrol area.

Detective [redacted] stated his attention was drawn toward the Taurus because of the odd driving behavior. Detective [redacted] stated the Taurus was not involved in any criminal activity when the Taurus caught their attention. Suspect Butler veered the Taurus to the right of the roadway and proceeded to drive back into the middle of the road. Witness [redacted] stated this type of behavior is usually committed by individuals trying to avoid law enforcement contact. Suspect Butler drove the Taurus in to a gang area. The "Gundry Block Crips," congregate in the area where Suspect Butler drove toward. Witness

[redacted] stated they contacted the occupants of the Taurus during a traffic stop less than a minute after he noticed them on Orange Avenue/Alondra Boulevard.

Witness [redacted] stated once the vehicle pulled west into the driveway, Detective [redacted] parked the Crown Victoria angled perpendicular to the right of the Taurus. Detective [redacted] did this due to the cars parked along the street which prevented him from parking directly behind the Taurus. Based on their past experiences of working together, they formulated a contact plan of Detective [redacted] contacting the driver, Detective Brown broadcasting radio transmissions, and him contacting the passenger. Witness [redacted] would stay in the Crown Victoria.

Witness [redacted] stated it took him several seconds and approximately twenty (20) feet to get to the front of the Taurus from the Crown Victoria. When Witness [redacted] illuminated the interior of the vehicle he saw Suspect Dillard manipulate a firearm he described as a black semi auto handgun similar to a Smith and Wesson M&P. Witness [redacted] warned his partners and immediately yelled "gun." Witness [redacted] stated he did not know exactly where his partners were, but believed Detective Brown was in the area between the Crown Victoria and Taurus.

Detective [redacted] stated the Taurus immediately reversed as he got to the front of the vehicle. As the Taurus reversed he attempted to get out of the way, but was not fast enough to do so, and the Taurus struck his right leg. Simultaneously, Detective [redacted] heard gunshots, but was not sure who was shooting because he was focusing on getting out of the path of the Taurus. Detective [redacted] did not believe the shooting was coming from the occupants of the Taurus because as the Taurus reversed, it jerked Suspect Dillard backward causing the firearm to land on the dashboard of the vehicle.

The Taurus drove north and crashed into another car. Detective [redacted] ran north toward the vehicle along with Detective Brown. He noticed Detective Brown broadcast emergent radio traffic. He estimated the Taurus was approximately one hundred (100) yards north of his location and it took him approximately fifteen (15) seconds to arrive at the location where the Taurus crashed. As he ran north he saw a male run from the car consistent with a person running with a gun. Detective [redacted] described that motion as someone running while holding their waistband. Once they arrived, they ordered the remaining suspects out of the vehicle. Suspect Butler exited and was handcuffed by Detective [redacted]. Detective Brown handcuffed Witness [redacted]. Detective Brown requested medical treatment for the suspects.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE CURTIS BROWN

Homicide Interview

On February 21, 2016, Detective Brown, was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Rodriguez and Ferguson. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[Exhibit A, pages 45-48]**. The interview was transcribed and included with this case.

Homicide Round Count

On February 21, 2016, Homicide Investigators Rodriguez and Ferguson conducted a round count of Detective Brown's firearm, Smith & Wesson M&P (serial #HAR[redacted]) at Lakewood Sheriff's Station. The handgun was loaded with one (1) round in the magazine and one round in the chamber for a total of two (2) rounds. Detective Brown told Homicide Investigators he routinely carried his handgun with 17 rounds in the magazine and one round in the chamber for a total of 18 rounds.

IAB Interview

On July 10, 2018, Detective Brown was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

Detective Brown said his attention was drawn to a gold Taurus because of the high rate of speed and erratic driving. Detective Brown stated the Taurus was traveling approximately forty five (45) to fifty five (55) miles an hour in a thirty five miles an hour zone. Detective Brown also stated the Taurus' windows were tinted. As the Taurus traveled on Gundry Avenue it braked several times, causing Detective Brown to think the driver was intoxicated, or the occupants were attempting to hide contraband.

The Taurus made a left turn into a westbound driveway and parked. Detective Brown stated he knew the car parked because the brake lights were no longer activated. He estimated Detective [redacted] parked approximately twenty (20) to twenty five (25) feet behind the Taurus. He described the positioning of the Crown Victoria to the Taurus, like a "T." As the Detectives approached the Taurus their emergency lights were still activated. The detectives exited their vehicle and approached the Taurus. Detective Brown was standing with his duty weapon out in the middle of Gundry Avenue approximately ten (10) feet away from the Taurus. Detective [redacted] was in front of him and Detective [redacted] was on the driver side of the Taurus.

Within seconds of approaching the Taurus, it reversed in a southeast direction, causing Detective [redacted]'s body to land on top of the hood of the vehicle, while Detective [redacted] simultaneously yelled "gun." Detective Brown has been partnered with Detective [redacted] for long period of time. When Detective [redacted] yelled "gun," Detective Brown's state of mind was a gun was in the vehicle and someone was going to use the gun against them.

As the vehicle reversed toward him, Detective Brown took several steps back to avoid being ran over by the Taurus. As the Taurus continued to reverse it eventually paralleled Detective Brown at the passenger window. He stood five (5) to seven (7) feet away from the Taurus and was positioned between the front passenger and rear passenger door. He saw Suspect Dillard seated in the front passenger seat raise a black semi-automatic handgun. Fearing for his life and the life of Detective [redacted], he began shooting while the Taurus was reversing toward Detective [redacted]'s direction.

Detective Brown stated at the time he fired his weapon, Detective [redacted] was quickly moving backwards behind him to the north, and Detective [redacted] was to the south of him. Because Detective Brown knew Detective [redacted] was on the opposite side of him, he directed his shots in a downward motion toward Suspect Butler and Suspect Dillard. Detective Brown stated if his rounds were going to miss they would go toward the bottom of the vehicle near the transmission of the Taurus. Detective Brown stated his backdrop of his shooting would have been the bottom of the Taurus or ground. Detective Brown stated he continued to fire his duty weapon at the Taurus until it was no longer a threat to him and Detectives [redacted] and Brown.

As the Taurus drove north, Detective Brown broadcasted emergent radio traffic. The Taurus eventually crashed into a parked vehicle at the end of the cul-de-sac. He ran toward the Taurus along with Detective [redacted], while Detective [redacted] drove the Crown Victoria toward the crash site.

Detective [redacted] arrived at the location first, and Detective Brown and [redacted] utilized the Crown Victoria for cover. Just prior to their arrival, Suspect Dillard exited the vehicle and ran west on Somerset Boulevard. Detective Brown said Suspect Dillard clenched his waistband while he ran. According to Detective Brown his motion is indicative of someone with a firearm, based on his training. Shortly after, Deputy Ay along with deputy personnel from Lakewood Station arrived at their location. Detectives gave verbal commands to Suspect Butler and Witness [redacted] to lie on the ground. Once they complied, Detective Brown approached Witness [redacted] with Deputy Ay and handcuffed him. Detective Brown requested medical aid for Suspect Butler. Detective Brown stated a crowd of on-lookers began to form around them and Suspect Dillard was not in custody yet, therefore they could not have provided medical aid to Suspect Dillard.

IAB investigators presented Detective Brown an overhead photograph of the shooting scene **[Exhibit H]** for visual reference.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On February 21, 2016, Detective [redacted], was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Rodriguez and Ferguson. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book [Exhibit A, pages 42-45]. The interview was transcribed and included with this case.

Homicide Round Count

On February 21, 2016, Homicide Investigators Rodriguez and Ferguson conducted a round count of Detective [redacted]'s firearm, Smith & Wesson M&P (serial #HPK[redacted]) at Lakewood Sheriff's Station. The handgun was loaded with five (5) rounds in the magazine and one (1) round in the chamber for a total of six (6) rounds. Detective Brown told Homicide Investigators he routinely carried his handgun with 17 rounds in the magazine and one round in the chamber for a total of 18 rounds.

IAB Interview

On July 10, 2018, Detective [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Investigators. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

Detective [redacted] told IAB investigators his attention was drawn toward the Taurus because of the high rate of speed approximately forty five (45) miles an hour and Suspect Butler was not wearing his seatbelt. As the Taurus traveled north on Orange it went back and forth, side to side, as though someone was arguing in the vehicle. Suspect Butler slowed the Taurus to about five (5) miles per hour and pretended to pull over several times. As the vehicle proceeded east on Myrrh Street, Detective [redacted] activated his lights and sirens, but Suspect Butler did not stop the Taurus. He continued to follow the Taurus for approximately one and a half (1 ½) blocks, and approximately thirty (30) seconds to no more than a minute. The Taurus proceeded to drive north on Gundry Avenue and west into a driveway of a residence. Detective [redacted] stated the Taurus, could have only pulled over in a driveway or in the middle of the street because both curbs were lined with parked vehicles.

Once the Taurus was parked, he along with Detectives [redacted] and Brown approached the vehicle. Detective [redacted] stated Detective [redacted] was in front of Detective Brown on the passenger side of the Taurus. Within seconds, Detective [redacted] was standing approximately two (2) feet from the vehicle. He saw Suspect Butler look in his direction over his right shoulder, in the direction of Detectives [redacted] and Brown and then reversed the Taurus.

The Taurus reversed in a way which caused the front end of the vehicle to swing out, causing Detective [redacted] to push off the front end of the car. Simultaneously, he heard Detective [redacted] yell "gun" although Detective [redacted] did not see a gun in the car. It appeared to Detective [redacted] that Detective [redacted] was doing "push ups" off the car to avoid being sucked underneath the car. Because the Taurus continued to reverse in a sideway manner, Detective [redacted] believed the vehicle was going to knock Detective [redacted] and Brown over. After knocking them over, he believed the Taurus would have ran them over. Fearing for their lives, Detective [redacted] fired his weapon toward the driver, Suspect Butler.

Detective [redacted] stated he fired his weapon at a downward trajectory directly at Suspect Butler, through the driver's side window. Detective [redacted] last remembered seeing Detective [redacted] doing a "push ups" motion on the Taurus, and at the time he began shooting he did not know where Detective [redacted] was. He did not believe Detective [redacted] and Brown were in his line of fire. Since Detective [redacted] was approximately two (2) feet from the Taurus he stated the only backdrop was the suspect inside the vehicle. Detective [redacted] stated he started to fire when he was standing near the front driver's door. Detective [redacted] stated he continued to shoot at the Taurus, and wasn't sure if anyone else was shooting.

Detective [redacted] stated the vehicle drove north and crashed into a vehicle at the end of the cul-de-sac. He returned to the Crown Victoria and proceeded to drive north. While in the Crown Victoria he saw Detective [redacted] and Brown run north on Gundry Avenue. He stopped the Crown Victoria approximately ten (10) feet away from the Taurus. Detective [redacted] and Brown were to his right.

Detective [redacted] stated Suspect Butler fell out of the Taurus and landed on the ground. He ordered Suspect Butler to crawl toward him and he complied. Witness [redacted] exited the rear passenger and started to yell expletives at Detective [redacted]. Although Witness [redacted] was verbally offensive, he physically complied with orders from the detectives. Suspect Butler and Witness [redacted] were eventually handcuffed. Lakewood Sheriff Station personnel began to arrive on scene to provide assistance. Paramedics also arrived on scene and rendered medical aid to Suspect Butler. Detective [redacted] stated he was not able to render medical aid because there was still outstanding suspects and an unruly crowd forming.

IAB investigators presented Detective [redacted] an overhead photograph of the shooting scene **[Exhibit H]** for visual reference.